H. R. 237

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 7, 1997

Mr. Meehan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

| 1 | SECTION 1. CONTINUED DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO SEX OF- |
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| 2 | FENDERS REMAINING CONFINED TO PUBLIC |
| 3 | INSTITUTIONS UPON COMPLETION OF PRIS- |
| 4 | ON TERM. |
| 5 | Section 202(x)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 |
| 6 | U.S.C. 402(x)(1)(A)) is amended— |
| 7 | (1) in clause (i), by striking "or" at the end; |
| 8 | (2) in clause (ii)(IV), by striking the period and |
| 9 | inserting ", or"; and |
| 10 | (3) by adding at the end the following new |
| 11 | clause: |
| 12 | "(iii) upon completion of confinement as de- |
| 13 | scribed in clause (i) pursuant to conviction of a |
| 14 | criminal offense an element of which is sexual activ- |
| 15 | ity, is thereafter immediately confined by court order |
| 16 | in an institution at public expense pursuant to a |
| 17 | finding based on insanity or a similar factor de- |
| 18 | scribed in clause (ii)(IV).". |
| 19 | SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. |
| 20 | The amendments made by this Act shall apply with |
| 21 | respect to benefits for months ending after the date of |
| 22 | the enactment of this Act. |